

The EU-UK trade deal explained

On 24 December 2020, the UK and EU agreed a new Trade and Cooperation Agreement to govern the future trading and security relationship now that the UK has left the EU.

The Government has published a [34-page summary](#) to provide an overview of the [1246-page Agreement](#).

[The Institute for Government](#) explains that is made up of three pillars:

1. A free trade agreement covering the economic and social partnership, including transport, energy and mobility.
2. A framework for cooperation between law enforcement and judicial authorities across civil and criminal matters.
3. An overarching governance arrangement which will allow for cross-retaliation across different economic areas.

[Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) have also published their own guidance on the UK's exit from the EU.

Five key considerations for businesses

The Government is asking businesses to consider the following five areas that may require immediate action as there are new rules relating to exports, imports, tariffs, data and hiring:

1. If you sell goods to the EU you must adjust to the new customs procedures.
2. If you travel to the EU for work purposes you will need to check if you need a visa or work permit and apply if necessary.
3. If you employ overseas nationals you must be a Home Office licenced sponsor under the UK's new points-based immigration system.
4. If you are a UK business or organisation that receives personal data from the EU for business use, you may need to take action on data protection.
5. You may need to have your UK professional qualification officially recognised if you want to work in a regulated profession in the EEA or in Switzerland.

Businesses and individuals are advised to use the Government's [Brexit Checker Tool](#) to get a list of personalised actions that you need to take to ensure the continued flow of people, data, goods and services between the UK and the EU.

New Global Health Insurance Card

The [Government has announced](#) that UK residents will now be able to apply for a UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) enabling UK residents the right to access emergency and medically necessary healthcare when travelling in the EU. This includes medically necessary treatment for a pre-existing or chronic condition.

The new GHIC card, which replaces the EHIC, is free to obtain from the [official GHIC website](#) and people should apply at least two weeks before they plan to travel.

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Trade agreements with non-EU countries

[Guidance has been updated](#) on 14 January to detail the trade agreements the UK has concluded and that are in effect. It also includes progress of discussions with other non-EU countries. The latest change is the full ratification of the UK-Andean agreement with Peru.

Supporting members through EU Exit

The BVRLA is inviting members to share any concerns or questions relating to the impact of EU Exit with the policy team.

Senior Policy Advisor, Thomas McLennan, who can be emailed at thomas@bvrla.co.uk, would like to collate feedback from businesses across all sectors of membership to identify any common issues for future discussions with policymakers.

The association would also like to encourage all those who receive this EU Exit Bulletin to invite colleagues to sign up to receive it too. They can simply [sign up via the BVRLA website](#) and ensure that 'News & Insight' is ticked in their communication preference once their account is set up.